



Public Works and Water Resources Receives Award

The City of Newark Public Works and Water Resources Department (PW&WR) has received the Special Achievement in GIS award (SAG) from Esri, the ArcGIS software vendor. Esri reviews approximately 100,000 projects annually and selects about 100 national and 100 international winners each year. The award will be presented at the Esri User Conference in July. Mark Neimeister, Brian Laws and Jay Hodny have been working on a GIS-centric application, which will be used by our PW&WR inspectors on the 430+ stormwater management areas around the Newark area each year. The GIS-centric application will eliminate the need for manual compilation of the many report pieces necessary to complete these inspections, saving the inspectors time.

Jay Hodny has presented this project at two local GIS meetings and will present the project again at the regional DelMarVa GIS conference in May. Congratulations to Mark, Brian, and Jay for their great achievement!



Pictured: Jay Hodny and Brian Laws

City of Newark Electric Wins Safety Award

Congratulations to the City of Newark's Electric Department for achieving first in Group C of the American Public Power Association's (APPA) 2021 Safety Award of Excellence. The American Public Power Association's safety awards recognize utilities with the lowest safety incidence rate within their groups. Groups are determined by worker-hours of exposure. Group C indicates 30,000 to 59,999 worker-hours of exposure.

The Safety Award of Excellence was presented to the City on March 29, 2022 at the Engineering and Operations Conference in Austin, Texas. The City was honored for being an exemplary utility department. The City's record of safety is a vital part of a productive utility operation and is indicative of the high standards in the workplace.

Congratulations to the City of Newark Electric Department on this achievement!



Holiday Recycling Collection Change

Due to the Good Friday holiday, recycling normally collected on Friday, April 15 will be collected on Thursday, April 14. Recycling normally collected on Thursday, April 14 will be collected on Wednesday, April 13. There will be NO yard waste collection on Wednesday, April 13.

Additionally, there will be no yard waste collection on Wednesday, April 27 due to staff training. Please call Public Works at (302) 366-7000 with any questions.

SPRING COMMUNITY CLEAN UP & CHRISTINA RIVER WATERSHED CLEAN UP

Grab your family, friends, coworkers, neighbors and help keep Newark beautiful for the Annual Spring Community Clean Up. This event will be held in conjunction with the Annual Christina River Watershed Clean Up. Supply pick up will be held outside at the City of Newark Municipal Building on Saturday, April 2 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Individuals and volunteer groups (of 15 or less) will be given a location assignment after registering and can report directly to the clean-up location. One member of the group or individual volunteers will be responsible for picking up supplies from the Municipal Building.

Pre-registration is required for this event and can be completed online at www.newarkde.gov/play. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. For additional information, please contact the Recreation Office at (302) 366-7000 or email parksvolunteers@newark.de.us.



EGG HUNT

Newark's annual egg hunt is a spring time family tradition. Parents watch and in some cases, help their children hunt for plastic eggs filled with goodies to celebrate the Easter season. The hunt will be held at White Clay Creek State Park's Carpenter Recreation Area on Saturday, April 9, beginning at 10:00 a.m. All children should bring a basket or bag to collect their goodies. **State Park fees will be in effect.**

Hunt Schedule:

Walking - 2 years 10:00 a.m.

3 & 4 years old 10:00 a.m.

5 & 6 years old 10:30 a.m.

7 to 9 years old 10:30 a.m.

If weather is questionable the day of the hunt, call the Parks and Recreation Department's Leisure Time Hotline at (302) 366-7147 after 9:00 a.m. The rain date is Sunday, April 10. The hunt will begin at 2:00 p.m. for walking - 4 years old and 2:30 p.m. for ages 5-9. For additional information, contact the Parks and Recreation Office at (302) 366-7000 or visit www.newarkde.gov/play.



HUNT@HOME EGG HUNT KITS

Hunt@Home Kits are available for purchase once again this year. Each registered child will be given a [Hunt@Home](#) kit containing a dozen candy and toy pre-filled eggs, crafts, activities and other springtime goodies. There will be a limit of 60 registrants per age group: 2 & under, 3 - 4 yrs. , 5 - 6 yrs. and 7 - 9 years old. Registration fee for the Hunt@Home Egg Hunt kit is \$10. **Participants must pre-register for the event by 4/8/22.** Pickup for the kits will be held on Wednesday, April 13 from 12 - 6 p.m. Please drive into the circle in front of the Municipal Building and a volunteer will assist you.

EARTH DAY VOLUNTEER REFORESTATION OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers of all ages are needed to help reforestation efforts in Newark parks and open space areas on Saturday, April 23 at various locations between 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 4 p.m. Come together and help plant native trees and shrubs to provide scenic beauty, enhance wildlife habitat, fight invasive species, and improve water quality. Volunteers 10 and under need to be accompanied by an adult. Some equipment will be provided but volunteers are encouraged to bring gloves and round mouth shovels. This event is rain or shine. To register as a volunteer, please visit our website: www.newarkde.gov/play. For more information, please call the Recreation Office at (302) 366-7000 or email parksrec@newark.de.us. This project was through the Delmarva Power's Sustainable Communities Grant program administered by Delaware Nature Society.

SPRING BUS TRIP

Saturday, May 14, NYC

You asked and we're bringing spring trips back! Join us this spring for the bus trip to New York City. Youth under age 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. You must register online or in the office, no phone registrations will be accepted. Space is limited. Please register at www.newarkde.gov/play.

NEW HIRES

Welcome to the City:

Felicia Jones, Part-Time Recreation Specialist, Parks & Recreation, 3/7/2022

John Sauerzopf, Police Officer, Police Department, 3/14/2022

Michael Lorang, Part-Time Community Center Attendant, Parks & Recreation Department, 3/14/2022

Nicholas Schiano, Part-Time Parking Ambassador, Parking Division, 3/15/2022

Ellie Vigliotta, IT Desktop Support Tech, Finance Department/IT Division, 3/28/2022

Glenn Zelluk, Temporary Skilled Laborer II, Parks & Recreation Department, 3/28/2022